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### INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No.

PCT/KR 2003/002434

## I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

☒ the international application as originally filed

☐ the description:

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ the claims:

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ the drawings:

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ the sequence listing part of the description:

pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand

pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in printed form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ the drawings, sheets/fig \_\_\_\_\_.

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as „originally filed“ and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\* Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

### 1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-16

YES

Claims ----

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims 1-16

YES

Claims -----

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-16

YES

Claims ----

NO

### Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents have been cited in the Search Report:

D1: JP 2002116750 A

D2: KR 20010077525 A

D3: KR 20020073353 A

D4: US 2002130830 A

D1 shows a gamma correction circuit with 2.2 curve characteristic.

D2 discloses a gamma correction circuit with a dithering processor for bit reducing.

D3 describes a gray voltage control circuit.

D4 teaches a luminance control circuit for lamps.

As none of the cited documents discloses in combination all claimed features of the main claims 1, 10, 13 and 14, the subject matter has to be considered novel over the cited art. Though each of the cited documents discloses features of the claimed subject matter as referred above, the cited art does not render obvious the claimed features in combination, as none of the documents gives any hints thereto. Thus novelty and inventiveness is considered being fulfilled.

Industrial applicability is given.